



Gallaudet's 137 President's Scholars, students who achieved a GPA of at least 3.8 for the fall 1993 semester, were recognized April 5. Here, President Jordan talks with guest speaker Joseph Shapiro, author and senior editor for U.S. News and World Report. Also pictured are Linda Jordan, Dr. Bette Martin (center), and Dr. Glenn Anderson.

Senate holds final meeting of 1993-94

The University Faculty Senate used its April 18 meeting, the last one this academic year, to attend to its general business, including approving changes to academic programs, routine committee and officer's reports, and the senate schedule for next year.

Senate Chair William Marshall announced two special meetings planned for the senate next fall. The first will be with Special Assistants to the President Jack Gannon and Bette Martin Sept. 7 to discuss the University's development of a communication credo. At the second, to be held Oct. 24, the senate will see the recommendations of the Vision Implementation Plan (VIP). Dr. Marshall also alerted faculty officers that two meetings may be called during the summer months.

Vice Chair Mark Weinberg said that his report to the Board of Trustees in May will include, among other topics, the University Club and lunch program, whose trial period was cut short this semester and which the faculty would like to continue, and the faculty perspective on the VIP process.

In other business, the senate accepted a graduate-level Accelerated Program in Deaf Education, approved by the Council on Graduate Education. According to the program proposal, the accelerated program will enable students to complete their master's in deaf education in one calendar year instead of two academic years because it recognizes the sign language skills; experience with deafness, deaf culture, and deaf communities; and the regular education preparation of deaf prospective teachers.

The senate also approved a proposal of consensus language concerning the amendment to the *Faculty Guide-*

lines passed Feb. 14 regarding faculty proficiency in sign language and personnel actions. A faculty-requested Ad Hoc Committee to Committee A (Faculty Welfare) drafted the language and, if the faculty approve the statement at their April 25 meeting, it goes to the Board of Trustees in May for approval and inclusion in the *Faculty Guidelines*. Vice President for Academic Affairs Roslyn Rosen, who was on the Ad Hoc Committee, said that President I. King Jordan also supports it.

Amorini hopes to improve life for deaf Italians

Guiseppe Amorini returns to Italy in May, having spent nine months studying at Gallaudet. He is one of seven deaf Mason Perkins Scholars, all of whom have "rolled up their sleeves and worked for change in the Italian deaf community," said Dr. Ceil Lucas, a professor in the Linguistics and Interpreting Department, who coordinated Amorini's and other scholars' visits with Dr. Elena Radutzky of Italy, director of the scholarship.

Since 1986, the Mason Perkins Scholarship, which is administered through the Fulbright Commission and the United Jersey Bank, has provided support for Italian citizens to spend one year at Gallaudet to learn techniques for researching and teaching sign language and for educating deaf children in Italy, which has traditionally taken an oral approach.

Amorini, who worked as a sign language teacher's aide in Naples before coming to Gallaudet, has been

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Corson resigns as Pre-College VP

Vice President for Pre-College Programs Harvey Corson announced to Pre-College faculty and staff April 20 that he will resign the post he has held for the past two years, effective the end of this academic year, for personal and family reasons.

Beginning with the 1994-95 academic year, Corson will teach as a professor in Gallaudet's Department of Education, a rank he has held since 1990.

"I am personally grateful to Dr. Corson for his contributions to Pre-College Programs and wish him the very best," said Gallaudet President I. King Jordan in a campus memo. To provide a smooth transition, Dr. Jordan has asked principals, directors, and special assistants to report directly to him. "We will work together to implement plans for the remainder of this school year and to prepare for the coming school year," said Jordan.

To comply with the Board of Trustees policy on "Delegation of Executive Responsibility," Jordan has designated Dr. Roslyn Rosen, vice president for Academic Affairs, as the senior vice president for the University, replacing Corson in this role immediately.

"I know it's difficult," Corson said of his decision to resign at an assembly of the Pre-College community in the Model Secondary School for the Deaf Auditorium. "I've struggled with this for some time."

Noting that Pre-College Programs had faced many old and new problems since he took office, Corson said, "Some we have a better handle on, some we have succeeded with, and some we have not—but not because of a lack of effort. We tried here together, and that's what I'll always remember."

Corson named several accomplishments under his administration, in-



Dr. Harvey Corson

cluding beginning classroom studies in the use of American Sign Language and English, reactivating committees on faculty tenure and faculty guidelines, and establishing a committee on school philosophy and another to advise on research at Pre-College.

He also cited Pre-College's work to comply with the Education of the Deaf Act Amendments of 1992, which included setting up a national panel of educators, deaf community members, and parents to advise Pre-College Programs on fulfilling its national mission.

Clinton to speak at commencement

U.S. President William J. Clinton will be the speaker at Gallaudet's 125th commencement exercises on May 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Field House, Gallaudet President I. King Jordan announced April 22.

Clinton will be presented with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University. Jerald M. Jordan and Congressman Major R. Owens also will receive honorary degrees.

More information related to commencement will be published in the May 2 *On the Green*.

Print jobs must be submitted soon

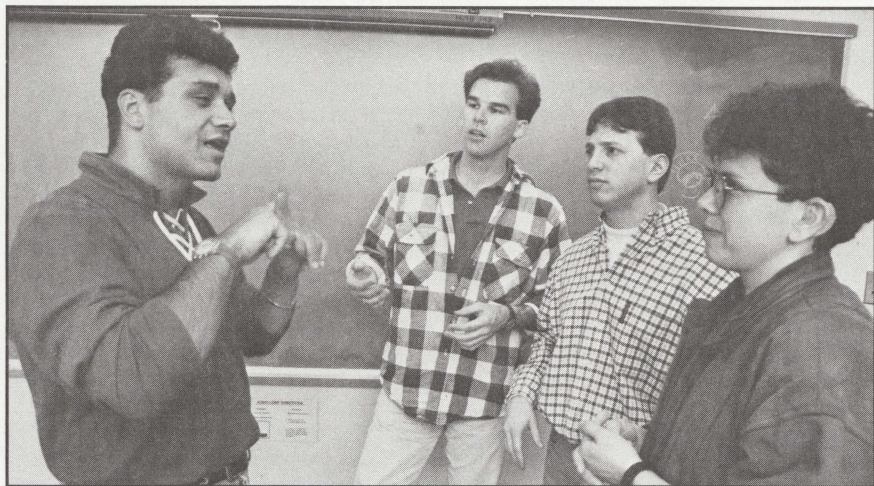
The University's Print Shop is tentatively scheduled to move from the Washburn Arts Building to the Appleby Building during the last week of May.

Because the move will cause printing operations to cease for about one week, members of the campus community who plan to have material printed on campus for use this summer or fall are encouraged to submit jobs before graduation, if possible.

For information about design and printing of jobs, call Donna Keizer, x5154, to set up an appointment.



Winners in this year's MacDougall Creative Writing Awards competition are (from left): Charlene Rexford, second place; Darby Leigh, first place; and Vivienne Simmons, honorable mention. (Not pictured is Patrick Kilgallon, third place.)



Mason Perkins Scholar Guiseppe Amorini (left) of Naples, Italy, answers questions from Gallaudet students taking his class in *Lingua Italiana dei Segni* (Italian Sign Language).

Scholar strives for change in Italy

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promised a full sign language teacher's position when he returns.

At Gallaudet, Amorini has studied methods for teaching sign language, the structure of American Sign Language, visual-gestural communication, deaf culture and its classroom use, and how to enhance teaching with visual aids. He also studied acting and directing, "mostly for directing hearing adults to sign better," he said.

Amorini further honed his teaching skills by teaching a class in Italian Sign Language to Gallaudet students.

"There was a time [1986 and earlier] when Americans went to Italy to teach deaf people how to teach," said Lucas.

"Now, they don't need that because they're working on their own. It's a very vigorous community."

Added Lucas, "The scholarship is famous now in Italy."

But Amorini is Gallaudet's last nine-month Mason Perkins Scholar. Because it is difficult for adults to leave their jobs for nine months, Mason Perkins will give two four-month scholarships instead, beginning this fall with Vannina Vitale of Sicily and Martina Cosentino of Torino. Lucas and Clayton Valli, an assistant professor of linguistics and interpreting, will coordinate the fall program.

Vitale also was here in 1993 as one of the first two recipients of the Roberto Wirth Scholarship, which sends two deaf Italians to Gallaudet for six weeks to study deaf education and teaching sign language. Although not related to the Mason Perkins Scholarship, the Wirth Scholarship also was administered through the Fulbright Commission.

South African sign language discussed

Apartheid and the separation that can occur even between individual tribes within each race has resulted in more than 130 signed languages in South Africa, according to Dr. Robert Simmons, a visiting scholar from Johannesburg, South Africa. But with time and work, Simmons told a Gallaudet audience April 13, perhaps a core language can develop from this multitude of sign language systems.

Simmons is a retired neurobiologist

who taught at the University of Witwatersrand for 28 years until he became director of the Witwatersrand Sign Language School last year. He is at Gallaudet through May 4 to learn techniques for teaching sign language.

In his talk, "Coping with Various Sign Language Systems in South Africa," Simmons addressed the development of sign language in South Africa.

The 130 variations of South African Sign Language can be narrowed to four main groups, Simmons explained. The sign languages used in the region from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth were influenced by Irish Sign Language. In Witwatersrand, the deaf community uses signs derived from British Sign Language, speech, and both the British and American fingerspelling systems. In Pretoria, Afrikaans speaking deaf people use their own sign language system but use British fingerspelling. And the Natal Indians adopted American Sign Language for use in the classroom in the late 1980s.

In 1988, Simmons started a four-year sign language survey project in which he interviewed deaf people from a variety of linguistic backgrounds to put together a dictionary of their signs.

Through the Witwatersrand school, Simmons said he will train deaf people in other areas of South Africa in the best techniques for teaching their own signed languages. But he hopes to receive outside help. "I want people to come from the United States and Britain to teach teaching," he said.

Simmons emphasized that he respects other signed languages of South Africa but hopes that these languages will evolve into one.

Event benefits deaf Asian-Americans

"Access Silent Asia," the first national conference of Asian-American deaf people, drew 200 participants from across the nation to San Francisco, Calif., last month, to explore relations between the deaf American community and the culturally diverse groups within the deaf Asian-American community.

Gallaudet University was well represented at the conference, including attendance by President I. King Jordan.

John Yeh, a member of the Board of Trustees, presented the keynote address. Dr. Steven Chough, coordinator of International Student Affairs in the School of Preparatory Studies, presented "How to Increase Self-Esteem as Asian Deaf Citizens" and gave the closing address. Betsy Meynardie, program supervisor of Student Development at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, presented "Diversity Connection: A Multicultural Program for High School Students at MSSD." And Dr.

Fred Mangrubang, a middle school instructor at Kendall Demonstration Elementary School, presented "Cultural Perspectives on Working with International Deaf Students in Higher Education."

Frances Parsons, who worked for 25 years at Gallaudet and is noted for her efforts in helping to set up educational programs for deaf people around the world, gave a talk on the different attitudes and approaches used in working with Asian deaf children and shared her travel experiences in Asia.

A highlight of the conference was the establishment of a new association of deaf Asian-Americans. A committee was selected to get the organization started. Committee members include Yeh, Chough, and Mark Tao, a residence education assistant at MSSD.

Deaf Asian-American staff and faculty who are interested in joining an information and communication network at Gallaudet may E-mail Tao at MCTAO or Chough at SKCHOUGH.

Among Ourselves

Anne Nissen, director of the Center for Career Programs, is the 1994 recipient of the Dean Herman Schneider Award for her work integrating the services of career counseling, cooperative education internship, and student employment and placement programs at Gallaudet. Nissen also designed and administered a new cooperative education program at the University of Maryland-College Park and volunteered with the Cooperative Education Association, including serving as president and as chair of the Handicapped Affairs Committee.

Deaf Mosaic won two Telly Awards for programs produced during 1993. "Five Acres," a story about a facility for abused deaf children, won a Silver Telly, the highest award. "Russian Adoption," a story about the adoption of a Russian orphan by a Maryland deaf couple, received a Bronze Telly. The Telly Awards is a major national competition for non-network and cable television programming and commercials. This year, there were more than 8,000 entrants.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing in person or by mail to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TTY. In compliance with the Education of the Deaf Act of 1992, as amended, payment of \$1 per ad per printing must accompany each ad. The deadline for ads is Friday, 10 days before the desired publication. Ads received April 25-29 will be printed May 9.

WANTED: Deaf person to tutor ASL to two-semester student who lives in Annapolis, Md., area. Call Alice Hall, (410) 263-5586 (V).

FOR RENT: 2-BR apt. one block from Gallaudet. Special rate for Gallaudet staff or student. Call Boris, (301) 731-5578 (V).

FREE: Room w/own bath and small allowance to male in exchange for few hours of assistance daily to help deaf wheelchair user to bed and dress, apt. across from Silver Spring Metro, avail. end of June. Call (301) 589-5006 (TTY) or E-mail LCJACOBS.

FOR SALE: 3-4 BR single family house inside Beltway, less than 1 1/2 miles from I-95, BW Pkwy, and New Carrollton Metro, paid \$129,000, asking \$125,000, will consider reasonable offers. Call Donna Moreere (301) 306-0049 (V/TTY) eves, and weekends, or x5540 or x4601 on campus, or E-mail DAMOREERE.

FOR RENT: 2-BR apt., to share with non-smoking adult, own BR and bath, spa privileges, swimming, Greenbelt/Seabrook area, \$350/mo. incl. elec. E-mail EMROBBIN-SHAL or call Frankel, (301) 794-7067 (V/TTY) 9 a.m. to noon.

FOR SALE: 1-way airline ticket from Natl. Airport at 6:50 p.m. to Melbourne, Fla., on U.S. Air, must be female, expires 4/28, \$75/BO. Call Sandi, x3031 or (301) 474-5558 (V/TTY) eves.

FOR RENT: 1-BR apt. on Montello Ave. NE,

walk to Kendall Green, \$395/mo. plus util., 1- or 2-BR apts. near U.S. Air Arena, priv. patio entrance, cable ready, yard, \$600/mo. incl. util. Call (301) 499-7219 (V).

FOR SALE: 3-level townhouse near BW Pkwy/NASA, 3 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, deck, fenced yard, fireplace, \$135,900. Call (301) 345-5150 (TTY) 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. or 6-8:30 p.m.

FOR RENT: BR w/priv. bath, walk-in closet, small storage, kitchen and W/D privileges, parking, Greenbelt/NASA area, \$350/mo. plus 1/2 util. Call x5754 or E-mail RACOREY.

FOR SALE: Couch (new), lounge chair, swivel chair, trunks, luggage w/wheels. Call Dot, (301) 270-6316 (TTY) after 7 p.m., or (202) 501-3011 (TTY) 8 a.m. to noon or 2-4 p.m.

FOR RENT: BR of 3-BR apt., 1 bath, W/D, CAC; we pay phone and cable. \$225/mo. Call Dot, (301) 270-6316 (TTY) after 7 p.m., or (202) 501-3011 (TTY) 8 a.m.-noon or 2-4 p.m.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 (V) or x5359 (TTY).

RESEARCH SCIENTIST I: Culture and Communication Studies Program

LOW-VISION SPECIALIST: Office for Students with Disabilities

BUDGET CLERK/SECRETARY III: Cap-Media and Project ALIVE!

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